

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/12/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/17 and 7/12/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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COMMENTS***Reasons For Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: independent claim 1, defines a method for screenprinting and embroidering designs onto a material comprising the steps of registering a support frame for proper alignment in an embroidery machine and a screenprinting machine. The support frame is inserted into a recess formed in a screenprint platen such that the top surface of the support frame is flush with a top surface of the platen. The material is attached to the top of the platen and covers a central aperture formed by the support frame and is then screenprinted. The frame is then removed from the platen and installed onto the embroidering machine for stitching the material. Claim 13 defines an apparatus for securely holding a material during application of a design by screenprinting and embroidering comprising a support frame formed of a rigid material having a central aperture. Means are provided for installing the support frame onto an embroidery machine and means for aligning the frame for proper registration in the embroidery machine and the screenprinting machine. A screenprint platen is provided having a recess form in a top surface thereof, the recess having a shape similar to the support frame and a depth sufficient for the top surface of the support frame to be flush with a top surface of the screen platen. The dependent claims further limit the method and apparatus of the independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Pertinent Citations

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Allen (as provided by applicant) illustrates an alignment device for use in screenprinting and embroidery. The device includes embroidery hoops, which are aligned using an alignment table with a clamping platen. The material and patterns are aligned and then alignment and pattern templates are placed in within the inner hoop in preparation for screenprinting. With the pattern template in the hoop, the pattern is then screenprinted. The frame with the material and platen is removed from the alignment table and is placed onto the sewing machine for embroidery. Guenther illustrates an alignment platen for accommodating an embroidery hoop and garment. Jones illustrates a holder for holding materials during embroidery. Kwang illustrates an embroidery hoop for supporting a material and an auxiliary hoop assembly accommodated within the first hoop for placement of a pattern. French et al. illustrate a fabric holder including mounting arms for placement onto an embroidery machine. Oleson illustrates a screen printing registration system. Hambright illustrates a backing board for supporting a garment and aligning a frame thereon. Barlow illustrates a screenprinting frame registration system. Diaz illustrates a garment including a screenprinted and embroidered decoration.

INQUIRIES

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Ismael Izaguirre located in CP2-4B18 whose telephone number is (703) 308-0892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ismael Izaguirre', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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